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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

INVESTEC MANAGEMENT COMPANY,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

AMERICAN ECONOMY INSURANCE COMPANY; et al.,

Defendants - Appellees.

No. 03-56367

D.C. No. CV-02-00880-DOC

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Central District of California David O. Carter, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted May 5, 2005**
Pasadena, California

Before: PREGERSON, FISHER, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

Investec Management Company ("Investec") brings an insurance bad faith action against its insurer, American Economy Insurance Company, American

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This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

States insurance Company, and Safeco Corporation ("Safeco"). The district court granted summary judgment to Safeco after Investec failed to file a timely opposition to Safeco's summary judgment motion. The court later denied Investec's Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b)(1) motion for relief from the court's grant of summary judgment. Investec now appeals the denial of its Rule 60(b) motion. Safeco did not oppose Investec's Rule 60(b) motion below and does not oppose this appeal. In light of Safeco's nonopposition, we reverse the district court's judgment on the Rule 60(b) motion and remand for determination of the summary judgment motion on the merits.

REVERSED and REMANDED.